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## MEDIA ADVISORY

For Thursday, May 28

## LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES

WHAT

North Coast residents will tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, part of a public comment period that will impact the hub of California's water system and one of the largest estuaries in the world.

California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. NORTH COAST COMMUNITIES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- → How much will the solution cost and who will pay?
- → What are the plans to restore the environment of the near shore ocean?
- → What impact will these solutions have on the local fishing industry?

WHEN

Thursday, May 28, 1998

6 p.m. Information Session/Question & Answers

7 p.m. Public Hearing

**WHO** 

Local residents, business owners and elected officials

Representatives from state and federal agencies listed below

WHERE

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A Santa Rosa

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests to resolve the environmental and water management problems of the Bay-Delta system.

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**CALFED Agencies** 

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service